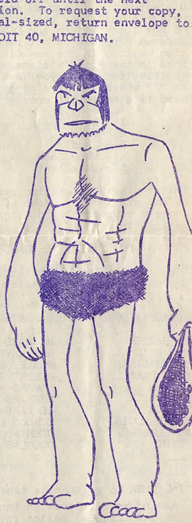
THE COMIC READER #15

JANUARY 31, 1963
SPECIAL ISSUE DEVOTED TO THE 1962 ALLEY POLL

Note from the publisher: In order to avoid prejudicing the voting for the Alley Awards, news and comments from pros and fans, and fanzine reviews will be held off until the next issue, which is already in preparation. To request your copy, send a self-addressed, stamped, legal-sized, return envelope to:

JERRY G. BAILS, 17645 GAYLORD, DETROIT 40, MICHIGAN.



THE ACADEMY OF COMIC-BOOK ARTS AND SCIENCES proudly presents the second annual continent-wide Alley Awards Poll. The Academy Board invites you, as a comic-book fan, to express your choices in 13 Pro Divisions covering the field of comic-book art during 1962, and 6 Ama Divisions covering the budding new field of fan contributions. Four "golden" Alley trophies, created by Ronn Foss, will be awarded to the individual winners in Pro Divisions 2-5, and at least two "silver" Alley trophies will be awarded to individual fans for excellence in Ama Divisions 14-19.

All of the nominations in this ballot were selected by the Academy's Board of Nominators, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of this Board for their efforts in behalf of fandom. Their names are listed on the next page.

The results of this poll will be reported in a forthcoming issue of ALTER EGO, the world's leading fanzine devoted to comic-book art. See the back of the ballot for further information about ALTER EGO.

Please read the next page of instructions carefully; then...

VOTE AWAY!

BE SURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY OR PART (OR ALL) OF YOUR BALLOT MAY BE INVALIDATED!

1. Your ballot must be signed. No one may submit more than one ballot.
2. Vote for only one nominee in Pro Divisions 2-12; and in Divisions 1, 13, and 20 (on the back of the ballot), where write-in votes are called for, be sure to list only one title. Do not list ties in any Division.
3. Because fanzines do not receive widespread, general circulation, voting in the Ama Divisions must be handled differently than in the Pro Divisions. Please rate each and every fan contribution which you have had an opportunity to see; use an "X" where you have no opinion. The rating scale to be used is a numerical one:

   1 - Poor
   2 - Fair
   3 - Good
   4 - Very Good
   5 - Excellent

   DO NOT USE FRACTIONS!

   (Note: The final rating recorded for each fan effort will be the arithmetical mean of all those that express an opinion.)
4. Enclose your completed, signed ballot in an envelope and mail it to:

   ED LAHMANN, 2061 E. LEGRANDE AVE., INDIANAPOLIS 3, INDIANA.

5. The deadline for all ballots is: MARCH 15, 1963. No ballots will be accepted after this date!

THE ACADEMY OF COMIC-BOOK ARTS AND SCIENCES BOARD OF NOMINATORS.

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SPECIAL PLEA to all comics fans, and especially faneds:

Remind your friends in fandom that they can get a copy of the Official Ballot for the 1962 ALLEY POLL by sending a self-addressed, stamped, legal-sized, return envelope to: Jerry Bails, 17645 Gaylord, Detroit 40, Mich.

CAUTION: MAGNUS, ROBOT FIGHTER, & other comics published for 1963 are not eligible in this poll. WATCH THOSE DATES!

Howard Rogofsky, 246-07 135 Rd., Rosedale 22, Qns., N. Y.

The comics and other items listed in my ad are complete and in good condition unless otherwise mentioned. A prompt refund on all items sold out but alternate choices are appreciated. No orders accepted under $2.50

The following are $ .50 each:

World's Finest #104 thru 110
Superboy #43, 49, 58
Aqua Man #1, 2
Black Hawk #93
Rip Hunter #1 thru 7
Sea Devils #1 thru 4

The following are $ .75 each:
All are coverless and from 1948

Batman #46, 48
Wonder Woman #30, 31
Star Spangled - below 82
Green Hornet #41
3 different Detectives
Flash #97, 99 ($1.00 each)
All American #101 ($1.00)
Adventure #131 ($1.00)
2 different Superman
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The following are $ .75 each:

Showcase #25, 30 thru 36
Brave & The Bold #31 thru 41
World's Finest #87, 90, 92
Flash #115 thru 129
Green Lantern #5 thru 9
Justice League of America #4 thru 9
The Fly #3, 5
Jimmy Olsen #3, 6, 7
The Atom #1, 2, 3
Wow #61, 64
Batman #89
Man in Black #1, 2, 4
Black Rider #1
Astonishing #45
Crime Does Not Pay #141, 142
Tormented #2
Tales of Justice #64
Tomb of Terror #13
Mr. District Attorney #44
Gangbusters #43, 49, 54
Brenda Starr #5, Vol. 2
Crime Detective #8
Nightmares #2
Crime Smashers #15

The following are $ .75 each:

Pep #151 thru 160
Laugh #127 thru 139
Above 2 books contain either Fly, Fly Girl or Jaguar

The following are $1.00 each:

Wonder Woman #24
Black Hawk #26
Don Winslow #49 thru 57
Fantastic Four #1, 2
Secret Origin #1
Batman Annual #1, 2, 3
Superman Annual #1 thru 5
Capt. Marvel Jr. #53, 55

The following are $1.50 each:

Sparkman #1 (2 pgs gone)
Buck Rogers #9
Rangers #32, 33
Master #72 (2 stories of Radar)
The Fly #1

The following are $2.50 each:

Superman #28, 30
Boy Commandos #15
Police #39, 45, 47
Ace #68
America's Best #3 (parts of panels gone)
Target, Vol. 2, #2, 3 (1941- poor condition)
Startling, Vol. 2, #2, 3 (1941 - poor condition)
Target, Vol. 2, #8 (1943)
Batman #22 thru 30
Batman #7 (coverless)
Capt. Midnight #12

The following are $3.00 each:

Police #22 (mint)
Marvel #65 (mint)

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The following are $3.00 each: (cont.)

Sensation #20 thru 25

The following are $3.50 each:

Superman #16
Detective #68, 76, 77, 78

The following are $5.00 each:

Batman #9
4 Favorites #7, 12
U.S.A. #4, 5 (special issue)
Flash #36
Sensation #3, 4
Sampson #1 (1940)
Boy Explorers #1 (Simon & Kirby)
Superman #12

Press Books for Sale at $2.50 each:

Phantom Opera (Claude Rains)
Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman
Werewolf of London
House of Frankenstein
The Mummy
Dracula's Daughter

The following EC's are at prices marked

3D EC #1 (rare)	$3.00	
3D Terror #2	2.00	
Shock Illustrated #1 (rare)	3.00	
Mad #11, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23	1.25	ea.
Aces High #1	1.00	
Impact #1, 4	.75	ea.
MD #1, 5	.75	ea.
Haunt of Fear #18, 19, 24	1.25	ea.
Shock Suspense #1, 2, 7, 9	1.25	ea.
Extra #1, 2, 3	.75	ea.
Two Fisted Tales #34 thru 41	.75	ea.
Weird Science #8, 9, 10	1.50	ea.
Weird Fantasy #12, 13, 16	1.25	ea.
Panic #1, 3, 4, 6, 8	1.25	ea.
Piracy #1, 2, 3, 6, 7	.75	ea.
Tales from the Crypt #36 thru 46	1.00	ea.
Crime Suspense #20 thru 27	1.00	ea.

Top Prices Will be Paid for the Following Books:

Adventure #63 thru 87
All American #25 thru 37, 46

Top Prices Will be Paid for the Following Books: (cont)

Military #1, 4, 6, 10, 22, 25, 39
Showcase #24
Daring Mystery #6, 8, 9
Black Knight #6 (Atlas)
Detective #28 thru 31, 33 thru 37, 47, 51, 61, 83
Marvel Mystery #16, 17, 22, 25, 33
Police #1, 4, 6, 10, 13
Flash #15, 16, 17, 20, 27, 43, 44
Daredevil #15, 20
Whiz #25, 30 thru 40
Master #22 thru 35
~~World's Fair 1940~~

IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES OF FICTION HOUSE, SPEED AND STAR SPANGLED, WILL YOU PLEASE SEND ME A LIST OF THE ONES YOU HAVE.

WANTED WANTED WANTED

I will pay $1.50 for the following books by Sax Rohmer:

The Fire Goddess
Return of Sumuru
Sinister Madonna
Re-enter Fu Manchu

And will you please send me a list of any other pocket books by Sax Rohmer and if I [illegible] the books, I will pay the above mentioned price.

If there are any old or recent comic books that are not on my list that you may want, you can send me a list and I may be able to help you. If you are looking for any items such as Serial Posters or Serial Lobby cards, you can send me a list of them too and I may be able to help you.

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WANT LIST: I'll pay top prices or trade equally rare issues for:
ACTION 1, 42, 52,
ADVENTURE 40-44, 46-53, 77, 78, 81, 83,
ALL-AMERICAN 34, 36, 37, 94, 99,
BATMAN 1,
DETECTIVE 27, 38, 40, 44, 60, 64,
FLASH 4-14, 86, 92,
GREEN LANTERN 2, 38,
MORE FUN 52, 53, 55, 59, 60, 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 70, 72,
SENSATION 19-24,
STAR SPANGLED 12-20, 22-24,
SUPERMAN 1
WONDER WOMAN 7, 11,
WORLD'S FINEST 2,
WORLD'S FAIR 1939,
PRIZE 24,
MARVEL MYSTERY 1-7, 9-11 14-17,
WHIZ 15-18, 25, & First issue.
FANTASTIC FOUR 12 (mint only) -- I'll trade my earlier issues.

ALSO WANT original art for: Superman, Supergirl, Green Lantern, Atom, & Adam Strange. I have JLA &Flash pages for trade.

DATA NEEDED to complete the DC Index, soon to be published: Can you supply me with info on any of these issues?
ACTION 133, 136, 141, 142,
ADVENTURE 135, 136, 137, 145, 149,
ALL-AMERICAN 14, 15, 69, 73,
COMIC CAVALCADE 9,
DETECTIVE before Batman,
FLASH 41, 69, 78, 86, 104,
SENSATION 34.

Please help me locate these items for John Wright of South Africa: Contact me for an immediate cash deal.
Comics featuring Daredevil up to 1943, esp. DD #18, DOUBLE, SILVER STREAK, TOP NOTCH, MORE FUN (with Spectre), BLUE BOLT with BB in costume, TARGET (1940-42), CAPT. AMERICA (1940-41), PRIZE with Green Lama, CAPT. MARVEL (1940-42), ALL-STAR 3-10, BLACK HOOD DETECTIVE (pulp), GREEN LAMA pulp.

I am looking for a reliable fan who would like to be John Wright's American agent. He needs someone (and I haven't the time) to buy and ship him mint copies of a variety of current comics, collect monies and orders for KOMIX, and purchase his wants in the way of older items, for all of which John pays all costs and is very generous about sending foreign comics and other collector's items. John is very deserving. Contact me if you are interested. Incidentally, KOMIX #1 & 2 are still available from me for 40¢ ea.

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ORDER AMERICA'S LEADING COMIC TRADE ZINE, THE COMICOLLECTOR, from Ronn Foss, Wagon Wheels Apt. #5, Suisun, California. It's a MUST for all collectors of comics. 1000s of rare issues for sale and trade, plus bonus features that make it a steal for 5 (five) issues for a dollar ($1.00) or 25¢ for a sample copy.

The next issue of THE COMIC READER will carry letters from a substantial number of pros. Don't miss it. Send a self-addressed, stamped, legal-sized, return envelope, & ask for TCR-16 by number.

** THE ROCKET'S BLAST, THE FASTEST GROWING FANZINE IN THE COUNTRY **

And when you see issue #15, you'll know why it is. Here are just a few of the many features in this issue: A spectacular triple-length article on DAREDEVIL written and illustrated in color, by Richard Durell. The color reproduction on this illo is beautiful; A feature by Ray Miller titled "Better (Nedor) Publications Revisited" which features illos of CAPTAIN FUTURE, AMERICAN EAGLE, WOMAN IN RED, THE LIBERATOR, FIGHTING YANK, THE BLACK TERROR, DOC STRANGE, and PYROMAN; Again our cover is done in full color by Buddy Saunders. This is only 3 of the many, many features and articles on the comic world in this issue ADS GALORE! OVER 6 PAGES OF THEM. Our ad rate is only 15¢ per 1/4 page (10 lines) The deadline for issue 16 is Feb. 10th. The price for this issue (over 24 pages) is only 35¢ per copy or if you want it mailed 1st class, 45¢. Subscriptions are 4 issues for $1.25 or 8 issues for $2.00

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IMPORTANT NEWS BULLETIN FROM G. B. LOVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Jan. 23, 1963 -- "I just had a fire in my office and it destroyed all of my equipment, and most of my records...Back copies of THE ROCKET'S BLAST #14 are gone...Some copies of #15 were salvaged, however, and are for sale...I'm still taking orders for #16, which will be out on time, and bigger and better than ever...I have to buy all new equipment but I will not be able to replace my collection...Fans who sent ads or material for #16 before Jan. 22 will have to send again...I feel pretty bad right now..."

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COMING UP IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE ROCKET'S BLAST !!!
An article on CAPTAIN FLAG written and fully illustrated (in color) by Howard Keltner; an article on THE SPIRIT written by Don Foote and illoed by Ray Miller; an article on the Human Torch written and illoed by Ray Miller; an article written and illoed by Rick Weingroff on CAPTAIN ATOM; an accurate reproduction of the cover of issue #1 of that EC great WEIRD SCIENCE with a capsule history of WS all done by Bill Spicer, and much more.

ATTENTION ACTION MOVIE FANS!!! SHAZAM #2 IS HERE!

The first issue was completely sold out!
For only 25¢, plus 10¢ postage (add an extra dime for a mailing envelope), you can get the second issue (while the supply lasts) from:

SHAZAM, 1651 W. FOSTER, CHICAGO, ILL.

THE SECOND ISSUE IS TWICE AS THICK AS THE FIRST ISSUE! With articles by Ron Haydock, Jim Harmon, Bob Burns, Don Glut, and Dick Anderson. Meet Superman (of radio days), The Shadow, Forry Ackerman, James Cagney, Buster Crabbe, and The Green Hornet. Oops, almost forgot "THE WILD ONE". ACT NOW; THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED!